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(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Tsutomu Sato et al.

Application No.: 10/703,627

Confirmation No.: 2160

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Art Unit: 1752

For: **PHOTOGRAVURE PLATE MAKING
METHOD**

Examiner: R. L. Schilling

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Commissioner for Patents
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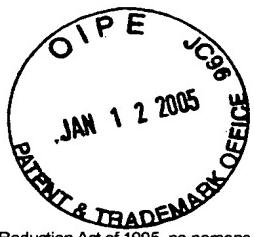
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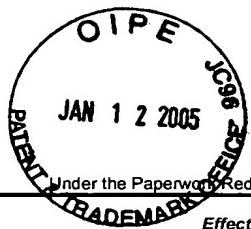
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FEE TRANSMITTAL For FY 2005

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

| Application Type | FILING FEES | | SEARCH FEES | | EXAMINATION FEES | | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) | |
| Utility | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 200 | 100 | |
| Design | 200 | 100 | 100 | 50 | 130 | 65 | |
| Plant | 200 | 100 | 300 | 150 | 160 | 80 | |
| Reissue | 300 | 150 | 500 | 250 | 600 | 300 | |
| Provisional | 200 | 100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

| Small Entity | |
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| Fee (\$) | Fee (\$) |
| 50 | 25 |

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

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| 200 | 100 |
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Multiple dependent claims

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| 360 | 180 |
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| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee (\$) | Fee Paid (\$) | Multiple Dependent Claims | |
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